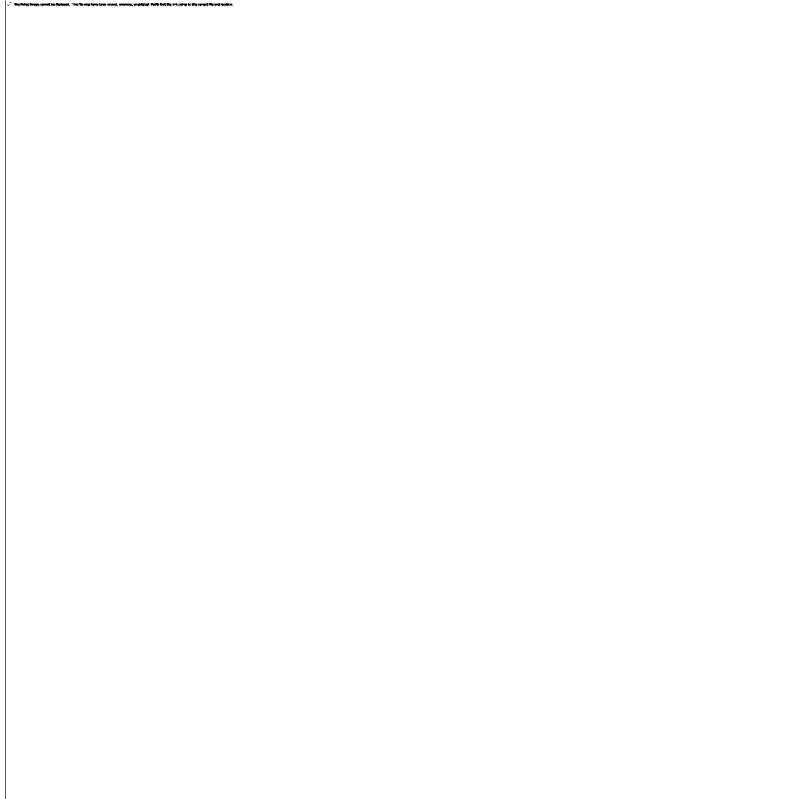
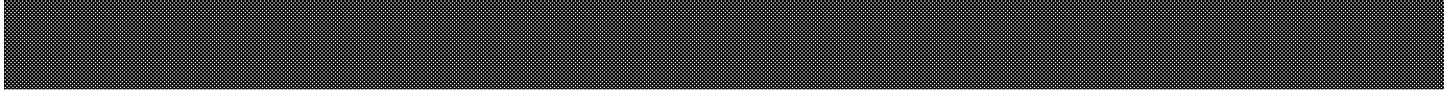


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By [Jacqueline Toth](#)

Morning Consult has published the latest edition of its monthly Trump Tracker, showing the president's approval state by state, month over month. See it [here](#).

Top Stories

- Analysts said they expect the impact on oil markets to be limited if President Donald Trump announces today that the United States will withdraw from the 2015 Iran nuclear deal and reinstates sanctions on oil exports from Iran. The sanctions are likely to

reduce Iranian oil exports by 300,000 to 500,000 barrels per day, fewer than the cut of 1 million to 1.5 million barrels under President Barack Obama's administration. (CNBC)

- Records made available through a Freedom of Information Act request show the Environmental Protection Agency had 33 threat investigations ongoing as of the middle of March, including 10 involving Administrator Scott Pruitt in the prior six months, with threats sent via Twitter posts, phone calls, emails, postcards and other sources. The files show that the EPA investigated 50 threats to agency officials in fiscal year 2017, 43 in 2016 and 47 in fiscal year 2015. (The New York Times)
- Senior staff members at the White House are telling Trump to fire Pruitt, believing Deputy EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler would accomplish Trump's environmental agenda without drawing as much negative publicity as Pruitt has, according to two administration officials. At a briefing Monday, White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said there were no "personnel announcements on that front" regarding Pruitt's future but expressed confidence in Wheeler. (The New York Times)
- In a voice vote, a House Appropriations subcommittee approved a spending bill to fund the Energy Department and Army Corps of Engineers at \$44.7 billion - \$8.2 billion more than the Trump administration recommended in its budget request and an increase of \$1.5 billion over fiscal 2018 spending. The bill would increase funding for nuclear weapons, water development and fossil fuel and nuclear research but would reduce energy efficiency and renewable energy program funding. (The Hill)

Chart Review

Mapping the U.S.-Canada Energy Relationship
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Events Calendar (All Times Local)

TUESDAY

American Wind Energy Association Windpower conference	7 a.m.
Combined Heat and Power Association 2018 Policy Forum	8:30 a.m.
The Wall Street Journal's The Future of Everything Festival	8:30 a.m.

Atlantic Council event on the future of global energy	9 a.m.
Bipartisan Policy Center conversation on federal science funding	9 a.m.
U.S. Energy Association event on the economic benefits of U.S. LNG exports	10 a.m.
Wilson Center event on energy efficiency and carbon emissions in China and U.S. buildings	10 a.m.
International Energy Agency webinar on biofuels in the marine sector	10 a.m.
Senate Energy and Natural Resources hearing on Puerto Rico's electric grid	10 a.m.
American Wind Action 'True American Power' reception	5 p.m.
EnviroRun running event and networking session	6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

American Wind Energy Association Windpower conference	7 a.m.
Oil Price Information Service event on West Coast fuel supply and transportation opportunities	8 a.m.
The Wall Street Journal's The Future of Everything Festival	8:30 a.m.
House Science, Space and Technology hearing on the FY2019 Energy Department budget	9 a.m.
Combined Heat and Power Association 2018 Policy Forum	9 a.m.
Center for Climate and Energy Solutions conversation on U.S. nuclear power plants	9:30 a.m.
Senate Public Lands, Forests and Mining Subcommittee hearing on Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service law enforcement	10 a.m.
Senate Environment and Public Works hearing on water infrastructure legislation	10 a.m.

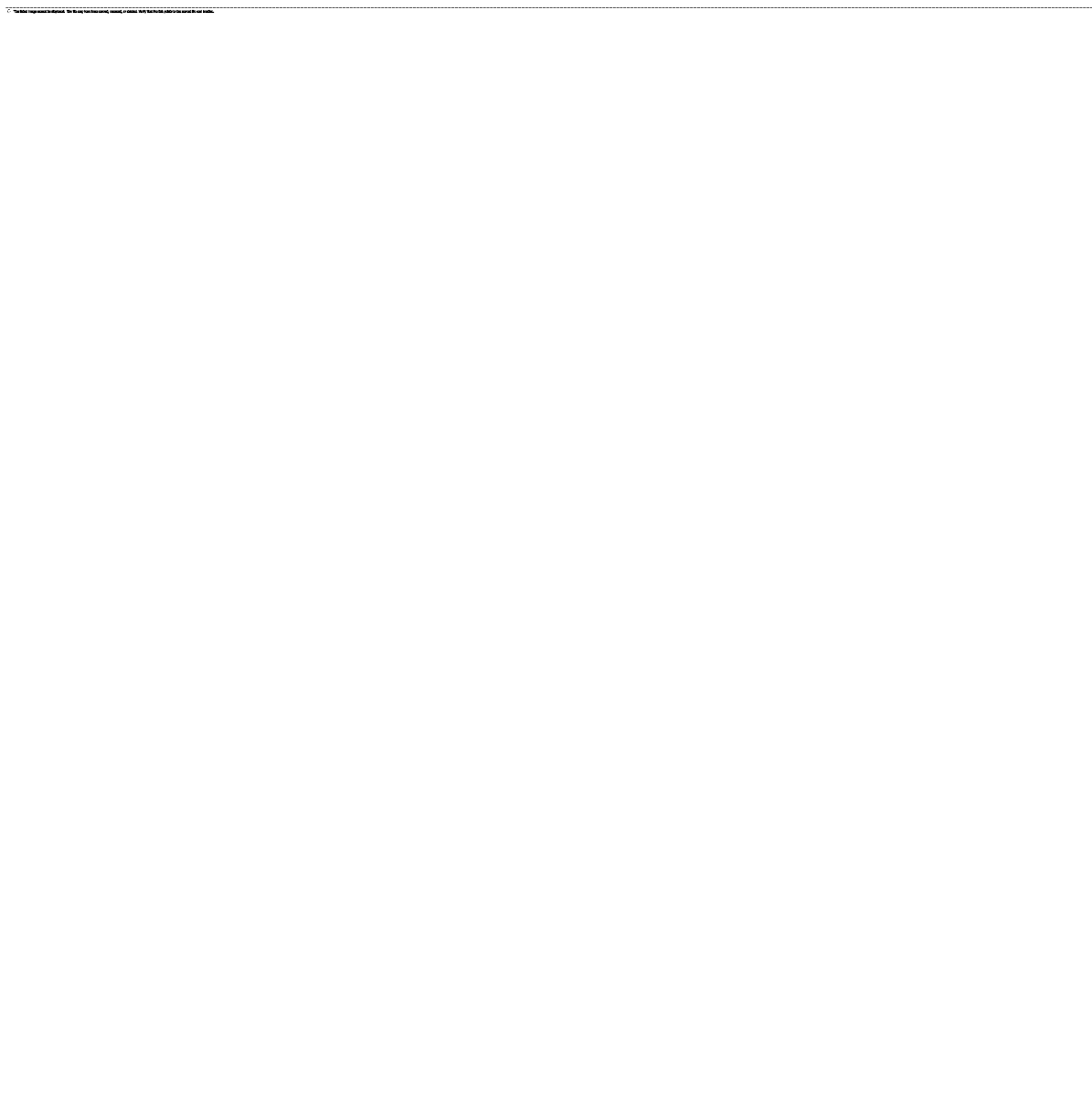
House Foreign Affairs markup of energy legislation	10 a.m.
Senate Indian Affairs hearing on Tara Sweeney's nomination to be an assistant secretary at the Interior Department	2:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Oil Price Information Service event on West Coast fuel supply and transportation opportunities	6 a.m.
American Wind Energy Association Windpower conference	7 a.m.
Women's Council on Energy and the Environment event on congressional energy priorities	8 a.m.
The Wall Street Journal's The Future of Everything Festival	8:30 a.m.
Federal Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee meeting on U.S. renewable energy products and services	8:30 a.m.
Environmental Law Institute event on change in infrastructure reviews and permitting	9 a.m.
The Washington Post Energy 202 Live event	9 a.m.
Senate Interior, Environment Appropriations Subcommittee hearing on the FY2019 Interior Department budget	9:30 a.m.
Energy Subcommittee hearing on electric transmission infrastructure	10 a.m.
U.S. Energy Association event on coal utilization	1 p.m.
Center for Climate and Energy Solutions and U.S. Conference of Mayors webinar on city-utility partnerships in clean energy	2 p.m.
New York City Bar Association panel discussion on the role of natural gas in a low-carbon economy	6 p.m.

FRIDAY

No events scheduled



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General

New Files Detail the Threats Made Against Scott Pruitt at the E.P.A.

Eric Lipton et al., The New York Times

The Environmental Protection Agency had a total of 33 threat investigations underway as of mid-March - 10 of them involving Scott Pruitt from the last six months - a security assessment released Monday shows, offering the most detailed tally yet of threats against the agency's top official.

White House Aides Are Urging President Trump to Fire Scott Pruitt, the E.P.A. Chief

Coral Davenport and Maggie Haberman, The New York Times

Senior White House staff members are encouraging President Trump to fire Scott Pruitt, his embattled Environmental Protection Agency chief, according to two top administration officials. While Mr. Trump has until now championed Mr. Pruitt, the officials say the president's enthusiasm may be cooling because of the ongoing cascade of alleged ethical and legal missteps.

House panel votes to boost funding for Energy Dept., Army Corps

Timothy Cama, The Hill

A House subcommittee voted Monday for a bipartisan funding bill to give \$44.7 billion to the Energy Department and Army Corps of Engineers, rejecting many of President Trump's proposed cuts to the programs.

Pruitt fast-tracked California cleanup after Hugh Hewitt brokered meeting

Emily Holden, Politico

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt placed a polluted California area on his personal priority list of Superfund sites targeted for "immediate and intense" action after conservative radio and television host Hugh Hewitt brokered a meeting between him and lawyers for the water district that was seeking federal help to clean up the polluted Orange County site.

Memo says Pruitt flew first class to avoid 'lashing out from passengers'

Sara Ganim and Gregory Wallace, CNN

Documents provided to Congress fail to show Scott Pruitt got federally required waivers to fly first class - and if he did, then his office has twice declined to hand them over to fellow Republicans asking for the verification.

How Pruitt's Aides Work to Shield the Boss: Seven Quotes
Eric Lipton, The New York Times

The New York Times was given a cache of E.P.A. emails and other documents detailing the communications of top political aides to Scott Pruitt, the Environmental Protection Agency chief, after the Sierra Club, an environmental group, sued to obtain the correspondence.

AGs urge Pruitt to stop 'secret science' plan
Sean Reilly, E&E News

EPA should halt planned changes to its standards for scientific research used in writing new regulations and then ask independent experts whether any action is needed, New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman and seven other Democratic attorneys general urged today.

Interior sending officers to assist patrolling the US, Mexico border
Miranda Green, The Hill

The Interior Department is sending its law enforcement officers to help the Department of Homeland Security secure the U.S.- Mexico border, according to an internal email obtained by The Hill.

White House plots update to NEPA guidelines
Nick Sobczyk, E&E News

The Trump administration has signaled its intent to update the baseline National Environmental Policy Act guidelines for the whole federal government.

Maryland to Other States: Stop Sending Us Your Dirty Air
Kris Maher, The Wall Street Journal

From a grassy hilltop in western Maryland, a high-tech spying operation tracks the source of pollution and ozone coming into the state.

Tab for refurbishing Rick Perry's office: \$4,652
Christa Marshall, E&E News

The Department of Energy spent \$4,652 last year to refurbish Secretary Rick Perry's office, including \$857 for a wingback chair and \$1,157 for a sofa.

Oil recedes as market awaits Trump decision on Iran

Amanda Cooper, Reuters

Oil retreated from 3-1/2 year highs on Tuesday as investors waited for an announcement by President Donald Trump later in the day on whether the United States will reimpose sanctions on Iran.

Oil and Natural Gas

Iran sanctions seen having limited impact on oil market if Trump scraps nuclear deal

Tom DiChristopher, CNBC

President Donald Trump may withdraw the United States from the 2015 Iran nuclear deal by restoring sanctions on Iranian oil exports this week. But analysts say the impact on the market will likely be limited.

Pa. Pipeline Row Shows Enviro Rights Amendment Still Murky

Matt Fair, Law 360

A recently advanced effort to hold a Sunoco Inc. unit liable for violations of the Pennsylvania Constitution over a controversial pipeline project highlights what attorneys say is continued uncertainty around the so-called environmental rights amendment, which was reinvigorated by the state's Supreme Court last year.

Sempra says it is sticking to 2019 startup for three trains at Cameron LNG

Harry Weber, Platts

Sempra Energy said Monday its top priority is making sure the three production units at the Cameron LNG export terminal in Louisiana are online in 2019, and for now it is confident there won't be any more delays.

Utilities and Infrastructure

FERC approves elimination of SPP regional entity

Robert Walton, Utility Dive

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's decision last week aims to "promote effective and efficient administration of bulk-power system reliability," and it will expand the geographic footprints of both MRO and SERC.

Solar has transformed into solar-plus-storage; What will net metering become?

Herman K. Trabish, Utility Dive

When distributed solar becomes more of a stress than a service to the grid, it transforms into solar-plus-storage and begins again the struggle to build economies of scale to drive its price down to levels competitive with traditional generation.

Renewables

Injury at Tesla solar business draws company's biggest safety fine

Will Evans, The Center for Investigative Reporting

Federal safety officials fined Tesla Inc. more than \$110,000, the biggest safety fine in the company's history, after an employee received a high-voltage electrical shock at a solar energy facility in Massachusetts.

Steel town that voted for Trump banks on renewables

Benjamin Storrow, E&E News

In this prairie city, where the Sangre de Cristo Mountains rise to meet the parched expanse of the Southern Plains, blue-collar workers whose grandfathers toiled for generations in steel mills are making wind turbines and installing solar panels.

New Water-Based Battery Could Help Store Solar and Wind Energy

Avery Thompson, Popular Mechanics

A group of researchers at Stanford University have developed a new type of battery using water and salt that they hope could be used to store energy produced from wind and solar farms, increasing the effectiveness of renewable energy sources.

Coal

DOE's coal crusade keeps the heat on FERC

Sam Mintz and Rod Kuckro, E&E News

Cracks in the public relationship between the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the Department of Energy were on display last week with dueling comments from a DOE spokesperson and one of FERC's five commissioners.

Nuclear

Nev. lawmakers prepare battle against Yucca bill

Sam Mintz, E&E News

Nevada's congressional delegation is gearing up to battle a major nuclear waste reform bill that is up for a vote in the House this week and would advance the proposed spent fuel repository at Yucca Mountain.

Climate

Germany probes Audi for potential new illegal emissions device

Edward Taylor, Reuters

German motor vehicle authority KBA has summoned Audi for a formal hearing about whether its diesel-engined A6/A7 models have been fitted with a previously unknown defeat device, Germany's Transport Ministry said on Tuesday.

After Fatal Uber Crash, a Self-Driving Start-Up Moves Forward

Cade Metz, The New York Times

On Monday, an orange and blue car with the words "Self-Driving Vehicle" prominently displayed on both sides drove itself through the streets of this rapidly growing city north of Dallas, navigating across four lanes of traffic and around a traffic circle.

Opinions, Editorials and Perspectives

Private Sector Stands Ready to Modernize Nation's Electric Infrastructure

Linda Apsey, Morning Consult

In energy policy conversations across the country, one key point often is missing: the growing importance of electricity transmission infrastructure to our economy.

America risks being left behind on clean energy

U.S. Rep. Raul M. Grijalva (D-Ariz.), Washington Examiner

French President Emmanuel Macron's recent visit to the U.S. offers a stern reminder that even as the Trump administration tries to withdraw our country from the global community, our friends and foes around the world continue to respond to climate change, and those responses will have long-lasting implications.

Oil Market May Get Blindsided by Iran Deal

Spencer Jakab, The Wall Street Journal

The oil market has surged on the expectation that President Donald Trump will reimpose sanctions on Iran. No matter what Mr. Trump decides, oil bulls and other beneficiaries of higher prices shouldn't get too confident.

Tesla's Factory in a Fishbowl

John D. Stoll, The Wall Street Journal

Elon Musk has always run his car company at his own pace, but now he finds himself in a historic race to deliver on enormous promises. The next six months will determine whether Tesla Inc.'s Model 3 can reshape the U.S. auto industry or serve merely as a flashy footnote.

Clean up EPA's inefficient toxic waste program

Winston Porter, The Hill

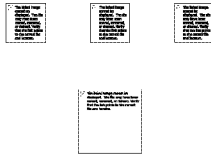
EPA's Superfund hazardous waste cleanup program is in need of leadership.

Research Reports

The carbon footprint of global tourism

Manfred Lenzen et al., Nature Climate Change

Tourism contributes significantly to global gross domestic product, and is forecast to grow at an annual 4%, thus outpacing many other economic sectors.



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